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JOHN HANDLEY was born in Dublin, Ireland, in 1835, but emigrated at an early age to New Orleans. He graduated from Columbia Law School, New York city, and afterwards settled in Scranton, Pennsylvania. Here he practiced his profession. Foreseeing the growth of Scranton, he invested largely in real estate, and its appreciation in price made him wealthy. He organized the Merchants and Mechanics Bank, and the Scranton Savings Bank and Trust Company. He was elected judge of Common Pleas of Luzerne county in 1874, and at the organization of Lackawanna county, in 1878, became president judge of the Forty-fifth Judicial District of Pennsylvania, and held the office for ten years. He never held any other office.

Judge Handley was very charitable, assisting many young men to start in business, and educating many young men and women. He gave largely to the support of all public charities.

In character he was unostentatious, charging those whom he helped not to make it public. He was companionable and agreeable to close friends, but desired to keep his circle of friends small. A Democrat in politics, he refused to vote after the Electoral Commission decided Hayes elected.

Judge Handley was buried at Winchester, Virginia. His will provides for \$250,000 for founding and maintaining a public library at Winchester, Virginia; \$25,000 for Home of Good Shepherd, and \$50,000 for St. Patrick's Orphan Asylum at Scranton, Pennsylvania. After a few personal bequests, he left the residue of his property to the city of Winchester for an industrial school. His estate was worth about \$1,000,000.

SHELDON REYNOLDS, one of Wilkes-Barre's, (Pa.), best known and most representative citizens died last winter at Saranac Lake, New York, whither he had gone in the hope of securing some benefit for a pulmonary trouble which had strongly developed itself.

The Reynolds family is of English extraction. They came to Litchfield, Conn., in 1750, and were among the first Wyoming Valley settlers in 1769. William and David Reynolds were in the Wyoming massacre, the former being killed. Benjamin Reynolds, grandfather of Sheldon Reynolds, was born in Plymouth in 1780. He was one of the most prominent citizens in the Valley.

Mr. Reynolds was president of the Wyoming National Bank, the Wilkes-Barre Electric Light Company, the Wyoming Historical and Geological Society, ex-president of the Wilkes-Barre Water Company, and president of the Wyoming Commemorative Association. He had business interests in other directions in Wilkes-Barre and at Plymouth. Like nearly all of the family, he was a Democrat in politics, and for years had taken a deep and at times active interest in that party's behalf. He was chairman of the county committee in 1881, and no man who ever held the position labored more earnestly or with greater apprecia-